

## 2011-K496

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring The Crane School of Music at the State University of New York at Potsdam upon the occasion of its 125th Anniversary

WHEREAS, The State of New York is renowned for its centuries-old tradition of excellence and diversity in education and for the place of paramount importance which education holds for the people of the State; and WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend institutions of commitment and high achievement, such as The Crane School of Music at the State University of New York at Potsdam, whose purpose and endeavor are dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in music education and service to its community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor The Crane School of Music at the State University of New York at Potsdam, Potsdam, New York, upon the occasion of the celebration of its 125th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of its gratitude and as an expression of great respect and high regard, this Legislative Body is proud to commemorate this auspicious milestone in the history of the college; and

WHEREAS, The Crane School of Music at the State University of New York at Potsdam was founded by Julia Etta Crane in 1886 with the intent of becoming the first public higher education institution dedicated to producing music educators; and

WHEREAS, Since its founding, The Crane School of Music has been widely recognized as the home of music education in the United States; and

WHEREAS, SUNY Potsdam's Crane School of Music is the alma mater of generations of world-class musicians, music educators, composers, and scholars; and

WHEREAS, Life at Crane includes an incredible array of more than 300 recitals, lectures and concerts presented by faculty, students and guests each year, all of which are open to the Northern New York community; and

WHEREAS, The Crane School of Music is justly proud to be SUNY's only

all-Steinway institution; and

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Dean Helen M. Hosmer, The Crane School has gained an international reputation for excellence in musical performance, with frequent visits from such well-known conductors and composers as Robert Shaw and Nadia Boulanger; and

WHEREAS, Crane alumni, including alumnae Renee Fleming and Stephanie Blythe, internationally-acclaimed Metropolitan Opera performers, and Broadway star Lisa Vroman, among many others, are important contributors to the vitality of the arts in New York State and around the world; and

WHEREAS, 125 years after its founding, Crane continues to carry forward a tradition of innovation, combining its dedication to music education with an unwavering commitment to high achievement and creativity in performance; and

WHEREAS, The Crane School recognizes that, in its 125th year, it has reached an important milestone; in celebration of its success and in appreciation of the support from which it has benefited, Crane plans many events throughout the year to mark this special anniversary; and

WHEREAS, SUNY Potsdam's Crane School of Music opened its year-long celebration of its 125th Anniversary with the 2011 Spring Festival, which culminated with world-renowned conductor Maestro Helmuth Rilling leading the Crane Chorus and the Crane Symphony Orchestra on April 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The colleges and universities of this State and nation reflect the character and values of the society in which they exist; the administration, faculty and students of The Crane School of Music at the State University of New York at Potsdam may take just pride in its history of quality leadership, teaching, achievement and community support, spanning 125 years of accomplishment, and bequeathing a legacy of excellence and service for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, The Crane School of Music stands prepared to reach out in earnest and enthusiastic quest of its mission, proudly aware of its history and planning with vision and purpose to meet the challenges of the future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor, with immense pride, The Crane School of Music at the State University of New York at Potsdam upon the occasion of its 125th Anniversary, fully confident that its future will be as distinguished as is

its past; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Crane School of Music at the State University of New York at Potsdam.